

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would allow unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who must leave their employment due to being a victim of domestic violence or due to their military spouse being transferred.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no impact on the state's General fund or any dedicated fund or federal fund because no General Fund dollars are used to pay unemployment benefits or administer the collection of unemployment insurance taxes. The only fiscal impact will be on Idaho's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, which is the repository for unemployment insurance taxes paid by Idaho employers and serves as the source of regular unemployment insurance benefits paid to eligible unemployed workers. If enacted, the impact on the Idaho Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund will be \$200,000 annually. Idaho's weekly benefit amount increases at a rate of 3.3% on average per year so payments from the UI Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund will likely go up an equal amount per year. Due to current inflation, the weekly benefit amount is anticipated to increase 6.6% in fiscal year 2023, before leveling back out to traditional increases. The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund is continuously appropriated.

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